

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed August 18, 2008, has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Subject Matter Indicated Allowed or Allowable

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowability of claims 2-3, subject to their re-writing in independent form. The limitations of claim 3 have been incorporated into claim 1, rendering claim 1 allowable. All the remaining pending claims depend from claim 1 are therefore allowable as well.

Canceled Claims

Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Rejection(s) Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claim 6 has been amended to change “off-line” to “a delayed time manner,” which is the accurate translation from the French of the term “en différé.”

Rejection(s) Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claim 6 has been amended as explained above, obviating the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection.

Rejection(s) Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gross in view of Zhang et al. Claim 1, from which the remaining claims depend, has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 3, and is now in condition for allowance. Claims 4, 5, 7 and 8 are allowable by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gross in view of Zhang et al., and further in view of Botvich. Claim 6 depends from allowable claim 1 as discussed above, and is allowable by virtue of this dependency.

Request for Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment will place the Application in better condition for allowance, or at the least, narrow any issues for an appeal. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the preceding discussion, Applicants respectfully urge that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-3557.

Respectfully submitted,
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